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Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Response in the above-identified application

Any fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Col. 1		Col. 2	Col. 3	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims	*62	Minus	**38	=24	x \$9	\$216	x \$ 18	\$
Independent Claims	*5	Minus	***3	=2	x \$42	\$84	x \$ 84	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims \$140						\$0	x \$280	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$300		\$

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2. No additional fee is required.
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Please enter the following amendments:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-38 as follows.

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1. (Amended) A food press comprising:
a hopper with a lid, the lid having an open position and a closed position;
a latch assembly adapted to maintain the lid in the closed position when activated and to discontinue maintaining the lid in the closed position when deactivated;
a press plate vertically slidable within the hopper;
the hopper being adapted to accept food between the lid and the press plate;
the press plate adapted to be driven towards the lid in order to compress the food between the press plate and the lid within the hopper; and
wherein the latch assembly automatically activates to maintain the lid in the closed position while the press plate is being driven towards the lid.
2. (Amended) The food press of claim 1, further including:
a delay device configured to delay the driving of the press plate towards the lid such that the latch assembly is activated a predetermined amount of time before the press plate is driven towards the lid.